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TO: All Child Care and Preschool Facility Administrators
All Head Start Facility Administrators
All Special Education and Early Childhood Program Administrators

FROM: Jeannie Ruth, Chief
Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance

SUBJECT: Child Care Immunization Status Report

Missouri State Law, Section 210.003, RSMo, requires **all** children (including any related to the child care provider) attending public, private, parochial day care centers, preschools or nursery schools caring for 10 or more children to be adequately immunized, in the process of being immunized, or to have a parental or medical exemption card on file.

The law also requires **all** public, private, parochial day care centers, preschools or nursery schools to submit an annual summary report providing information on the immunization status of attendees. When completing the report, remember the Hib vaccine shortage continues and may not be resolved until mid year 2009. In a letter dated January 31, 2008, day care and preschool administrators were instructed to consider the missing 12-15 month Hib booster dose as "In Progress" and flag the records so the children could receive their booster dose when the supply stabilized. Children without the 12-15 month Hib booster will be allowed to attend day care and preschool until notification is sent stating this restriction no longer applies.

The completed report is due to the Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance by **January 15, 2009**. A sample letter to parents for children needing additional immunization(s) and a Tally Sheet are included to assist you with completing the report. Please keep a photocopy of this report for your records. For your convenience we have enclosed a postage paid, self-addressed envelope. **Please return the 2008-2009 Child Care Immunization Status Report even if you are not caring for 10 or more children at this time.**

Your local Child Care Health Consultant Nurse or Regional Immunization Representative (see enclosures) is available to assist you in understanding the immunization requirements or in completing the report. If you need additional information, please contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at 573-751-6124 or toll free at 866-628-9891.

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